

**ST. GEORGE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015, 4:00 P.M.  
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

**PRESENT:**

**Mayor Jon Pike  
Councilmember Jimmie Hughes  
Councilmember Michele Randall  
Councilmember Joe Bowcutt  
City Manager Gary Esplin  
City Attorney Shawn Guzman  
City Recorder Christina Fernandez**

**EXCUSED:**

**Councilmember Gil Almquist  
Councilmember Bette Arial**

**OPENING:**

Mayor Pike called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Councilmember Hughes and the invocation was offered by Pastor Jimi Kestin.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:**

**Consider approval of a conditional use permit to construct a 41' high volcano structure (pavilion) at the All Abilities Park.**

City Manager Gary Esplin advised that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the volcano height.

Planner Ray Snyder explained the Planning Commission recommended approval with findings.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Councilmember Bowcutt to approve the conditional use permit to construct a 41' high volcano structure (pavilion) at the All Abilities Park, including the findings found by staff.

**SECOND:** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Randall.

**VOTE:** Mayor Pike called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Hughes – aye  
Councilmember Randall – aye  
Councilmember Bowcutt – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT/RESOLUTION:**

**Consider approval of a resolution authorizing the execution of the Washington County Drug Task Force Amended Interlocal Agreement.**

City Manager Gary Esplin advised that the agreement was approved at the last meeting; however, it should have done by resolution.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Councilmember Randall to approve the resolution authorizing the execution of the Washington County Drug Task Force Amended Interlocal Agreement.

**SECOND:** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bowcutt.

**VOTE:** Mayor Pike called for a roll call vote, as follows:

Councilmember Hughes – aye  
Councilmember Randall – aye  
Councilmember Bowcutt – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**PRESENTATION FROM DAWN EIDE-ALBRECHT WITH LEISURE SERVICES ON AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS:**

Leisure Services Director Kent Perkins introduced Dawn Eide-Albrecht, a Recreation Coordinator, who oversees after school programs.

Ms. Eide-Albrecht presented a PowerPoint presentation covering the following topics: After-School Programs 2015-2016; Mission; Number of Participants; Program Participations; On-Site Program Locations; Program Elements; Off-Site Program Locations; Program Elements & Activities; Field Trip Options at Tonaquint Nature Center; Continuing Education Options; Community & City Department Involvement; and Program Goals for 2015-2016.

Leisure Services Director Kent Perkins noted that these programs reach kids that are typically not reached in other ways. Many of them have two working parents or live in a single parent household. He mentioned that Ms. Eide-Albrecht has won the award for the most creative program in the state seven years in a row.

Mayor Pike thanked Ms. Eide-Albrecht for what she does. He then mentioned the Electric Theater grand opening and the DocUtah movie that was shown there.

Leisure Services Director Kent Perkins updated the Council on the construction of the All Abilities Park. On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, they will take the train on the track and make a full loop making sure that everything is running smoothly. He mentioned the Mayor's Walk that will be taking place on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Additionally, he updated and mentioned other projects that are being done.

**DISCUSSION ON THE SANDTONE QUARRY TRAIL PROPOSAL:**

Support Services Director Marc Mortensen presented a PowerPoint presentation covering the following topics: Sandstone Quarry Trail Proposal; Trail Alignment; Outline of Proposed Alignment; Sons of the Utah Pioneers; and City of St. George.

City Manager Gary Esplin commented his concern as a golfer, is when they get to the top. If they can make a turn to walk to the south, they are not as exposed from a visual standpoint. He suggested there be hand rails or steps to assist walkers.

A discussion took place regarding parking.

City Manager Gary Esplin stated that he is also concerned that the trail will go behind the maintenance facility as there is a lot of stuff stored behind it. Staff will have to figure out how to buffer the view.

Support Services Director Marc Mortensen displayed a map of the area and showed a site plan.

City Manager Gary Esplin suggested a slightly alternate route at the beginning of the proposed trail.

The consensus of the Council is to move forward.

City Manager Gary Esplin commented that if the City's cost is more than what was budgeted further discussion may be needed.

Mayor Pike introduced McKenzie Mast, who donated \$1,200 she raised to the All Abilities Park. She will be able to have her handprints done to be displayed at the Park.

**PRESENTATION FROM MCKINSTRY ON THE RESULTS OF THE CITY ENERGY AUDIT AND PROPOSED FACILITY IMPROVEMENT MEASURES:**

Support Services Director Marc Mortensen presented a PowerPoint presentation covering the following topics: Energy Performance Contracting; Brief History; Facilities Audited (478,000 Sq. Ft.); Range of Magnitude (403,000 Sq. Ft.); Facility Improvement Measures (FIMS); Annual City Energy Data; Cost Includes; and Project Cost & Savings Summary.

City Manager Gary Esplin explained that each budget includes funds for utility lighting and air conditioning for all of the buildings. McKinstry is guaranteeing a 30% savings; however, bonds may have to be issued to pay for the improvements. He explained how the two year monitoring works for the guaranteed annual savings. The items included in the proposal are tasks that staff cannot complete or would rather outsource. He stated that there are additional savings beyond the \$158,000.

Support Services Director Marc Mortensen continued with his PowerPoint presentation covering the following topics: Next Steps.

City Manager Gary Esplin explained that under state law, if this is financed, the City can bond. He recommended taking dollars from the Energy Services fund to finance this, which will be repaid each year from the General Fund. Additionally, he suggested using these funds to do the air handling units at the Sand Hollow Aquatic Center.

The consensus of the Council is to move forward with City Manager Gary Esplin's recommendations and suggestions.

**DISCUSSION ON THE LOCAL LIMITS STUDY FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT RETREATMENT PROGRAM:**

Water Services Director Scott Taylor introduced Daniel Morrison, the Pretreatment Coordinator.

Mr. Morrison presented a PowerPoint presentation covering the following topics: St. George Regional Waste Reclamation Facility Technically Based Local Limits; What is the Pretreatment Program?; Objectives of the Pretreatment Program; SGRWRG Local Limits; What are Local Limits?; When to Set/Revise Local Limits?; What do Local Limits Protect?; How are Local Limits Developed?; Preliminary Data Collection; Development of a Sampling Plan; Determining Pollutants of Concern; Compiling Data; Calculating Local Limits; SGRWRF Local Limits; and What is Next?.

Water Services Director Scott Taylor explained the state has studied the Virgin River and determined how much contaminates it can handle. Mr. Morrison has figured how much is contributed by residents and determined how much is available for industry. Staff can allocate a concentration that facilities can discharge.

Mr. Morrison advised that prior to the next meeting, staff will send letters to each industry to inform them and give them the opportunity to make comment.

Water Services Director Scott Taylor mentioned that the EPA is looking to change the limits in the amount of mercury that can be discharged. Currently, this is not a problem with the discharge from the treatment plant; however, it will be an issue for dentists in the future.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to adjourn to a closed session to discuss property and litigation.

**SECOND:** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Randall.

**VOTE:** Mayor Pike called for a roll call vote, as follows:

Councilmember Hughes – aye

Councilmember Randall – aye

Councilmember Bowcutt – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**ADJOURN:**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Councilmember Randall to adjourn.

**SECOND:** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hughes.

**VOTE:** Mayor Pike called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Hughes – aye

Councilmember Randall – aye

Councilmember Bowcutt – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.